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SUBJECT: LOS: CHILEAN VIEWS ON ANTARCTICA

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1. EMBOFF APRIL 13 CALLED ON SENIOR FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR LOS AND ANTARCTICA, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS--
DIRECTOR SPECIAL AFFAIRS JORGE BERGUNO. LATTER RAISED
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ANTARCTICA AND MADE COMMENTS COMPLEMENTING THOSE OF CHILEAN
AMBASSADOR ZEGERS IN REFTELS.

2. BERGUNO SAID DEFINITELY THAT GOC WILL NOT ATTEND AUGUST NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN SRI LANKA (PARA ONE, REF B), AND HE ALSO SHOWED CONCERN LEST SRI LANKA RAISE ANTARCTICA ISSUE AT THAT MEETING. SAID FONMINISTRY HAD FIRM INFORMATION THAT SRI LANKA WOULD INTRODUCE MOTION TO INTER-NATIONALIZE ANTARCTICA. GOC WOULD THEREFORE WANT TO BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ITS FRIENDS AMONG ANTARCTIC TREATY CONTRACTING POWERS IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT MAY BE DONE TO HEAD OFF OR COUNTER SUCH A MOVE.

3. BERGUNO AGREED WITH ZEGERS (PARA FOUR, REF B) ON NEED TO HOLD PARIS MEETING ON SCHEDULE. SAID FONMINISTRY HAD INITIALLY THOUGHT OF POSTPONING MEETING UNTIL AFTER SECOND LOS SESSION BUT HAD CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE BEST TO HOLD TO SCHEDULE IN VIEW OF SRI LANKA POSITION. POSTPONING MEETING OR SHOWING DISUNITY WOULD MERELY HARM ANTARCTIC INTERESTS OF TREATY GOVERNMENTS.

4. BERGUNO RAISED CHILEAN CONCERN NOT MENTIONED IN EITHER REFTEL. CHILEANS BELIEVE SRI LANKA MAY TRY TO INTRODUCE INTO LOS TREATY, JURISDICTION OF DEEP SEABED AUTHORITY OVER ECONOMIC ZONE WATERS CORRESPONDING TO UNCLAIMED ANTARCTIC LAND AREA. BERGUNO SAID THIS CONCEPT WAS ATTRACTIVE AT FIRST GLANCE, SINCE IT WOULD INFER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF CHILEAN CLAIMS. ON REFLECTION FONMINISTRY HAD DECIDED AGAINST IT, HOWEVER, SINCE TREATY POWERS WOULD PROBABLY FIND THAT THIS CONCEPT WOULD MERELY LEAD TO ATTEMPT TO GIVE SEABED AUTHORITY JURISDICTION OVER ALL ANTARCTIC WATERS.
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